

REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given by the applicants to the Examiner's comments and rejection of the claims, Claims 15-18, as set forth in the outstanding Office Action, and favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, as amended is earnestly solicited.

Applicants note the Examiner's rejection of Claims 15 and 16 (and apparently 17 and 18) under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Colgan, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,831,710 A, in view of Kitahiro, et al., JP 362052531, as extensively detailed in the Office Action.

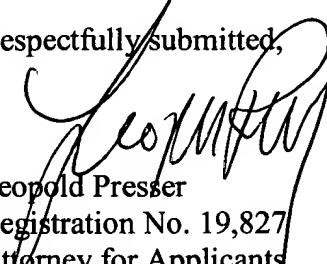
Concerning the foregoing, as previously indicated, Colgan, et al. is applicants' own earlier U.S. Patent, concerning which the present application represents an improvement, as specifically detailed in response to the previous Office Action.

In addition to the foregoing, applicants note the Examiner's reference to newly cited Kitahiro, et al., a Japanese publication, which apparently sets forth a space, which is sealed in view of a gap between substrates, whereby a wall structure is somewhat lower, in order to have the meniscus of the liquid crystal material regulated as it flow through the space above the free end of the wall-like structure intermediate the end thereof and the surface of the substrate.

Accordingly, the combination of the spacing of the various notches to inhibit the direct flow towards the crystal display area, and the provision of the narrow space above the free end of the wall structure, which is of a height less than the gap in between the first and second substrates, is not at all disclosed in the prior art. It is remained for the present applicants to uniquely and inventively combine these particular features to provide for the advantageous liquid crystal display device and the method of fabricating the liquid crystal display device.

Accordingly, this particular combination of features, which are not disclosed in either of the references, but rather in diverse publications, have been uniquely and inventively combined in the claims and present a significant and patentable step forward in this particular technology.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing comments and amendments, the early and favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application by the Examiner is earnestly solicited. However, in the event that the Examiner has any queries concerning the instantly submitted Amendment, applicants' attorney respectfully requests that he be accorded the courtesy of possibly a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

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